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Applicants: PETER REUTLINGER ET AL.

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Title: **BUMPER FOR A MOTOR VEHICLE AND METHOD OF MAKING
SAME**

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem relevant to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

STATEMENT OF RELEVANCE

The relevance of German Reference No. DE 199 04 879 and U.S. Patent No. 5,577,796 to the subject matter of the present invention is given in the Background and Summary of the Invention in the specification of the present invention.

**CONCISE EXPLANATION OF NON-ENGLISH LANGUAGE
DOCUMENTS**

English abstracts summarizing the disclosures of German Application Nos. DE 100 19 871 and DE 199 04 879 are submitted herewith.

An English translation of the German Office Action dated September 1, 2003, is submitted herewith, and therefore no concise explanation for German Document No. DE 93 13 297 is required.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (1) no later than three months from the application's filing date or (2) before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits (whichever is later), and therefore no certification under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) is required.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

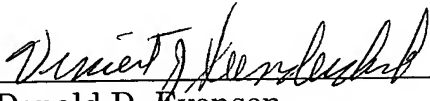
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	AA	5,577,796	11/26/1996	Clausen	296	202	06/07/1995
	AB	6,325,431	12/04/2001	Ito	293	102	04/24/2000
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS								
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	AK	DE 93 13 297	12/16/1993	Austria Metall AG			No	
	AL	DE 100 19 871	07/05/2001	Ito			Abstract	
	A M	DE 199 04 879	08/17/2000	Hogenmueller			Abstract	
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